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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 4, 2002. Therefore, a petition for a five month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith in order to file an RCE. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments: